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**From:** Hall, Lynda  
**Sent:** Thur 4/7/2016 5:39:41 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 3 FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

Ok do we still need to talk?

**From:** Flahive, Katie  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 1:07 PM  
**To:** Hall, Lynda <Hall.Lynda@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** 3 FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

Erika's note, learning it's not EPA base \$. see my highlight below.

**From:** Larsen, Erika  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 12:58 PM  
**To:** Flahive, Katie <Flahive.Katie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

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**From:** Wesson, Dolores

**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 11:09 AM  
**To:** Rylko, Michael <[Rylko.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Rylko.Michael@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Larsen, Erika <[Larsen.Erika@epa.gov](mailto:Larsen.Erika@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

Michel,

Thank you for the quick clarification on the grant, much appreciated.

I hope to turn to the action agenda issue next week. I am in a workshop this week and have a deadline early next week I am working on at the moment.

Dolores

**From:** Rylko, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2016 10:47 AM  
**To:** Wesson, Dolores <[Wesson.Dolores@epa.gov](mailto:Wesson.Dolores@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Larsen, Erika <[Larsen.Erika@epa.gov](mailto:Larsen.Erika@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

Dolores, as I just mentioned in a voice-mail message to you about the *whatsupstream.com website*, this was not funded w/ NEP base grant funds via PSP, but rather through geographic funds that went through a tribal consortium grant (Northwest Indian Fish Commission or NWIFC) as a sub-award to one of the tribes – the Swinomish. We have raised this as a problem for some months and it is now being discussed at our Director and RA level w/ both the NWIFC and the tribe. That's about all I know at the moment but can keep you informed if/as I learn more.

On another note, I know we also need to talk about the Action Agenda review process sometime soon to prep for our initial feedback to the PSP. I will be sending you some of our initial thoughts a little later today.

- Michael

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**From:** Wesson, Dolores  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 2:15 PM  
**To:** Rylko, Michael <Rylko.Michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

Michael,

Is this funded by the PSP? We have some issues that are starting to come up around this. Ron Carlton the Ag Advisor to the Administrator is going to want to understand this. We need to understand what the funding sources for this website.

Dolores

**From:** Larsen, Erika  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 4:54 PM  
**To:** Wesson, Dolores <Wesson.Dolores@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bacalan, Vince <Bacalan.Vince@epa.gov>; Flahive, Katie <Flahive.Katie@epa.gov>  
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Hi Dolores,

I work on agricultural issues in the Nonpoint Source Branch, with Katie, and Vince just told me you are the contact for the Puget Sound NEP. I spoke with Donna Perla earlier today, the special assistant to Ron Carleton our Agricultural Advisor to the Administrator, about this whatsupstream.com website; see email thread below from R10 Acting Ag Advisor. I wanted to make sure you were aware of this, (I'm assuming you are), but also ask if you have any background information on this issue in R10 and the NEP grant? I can stop by or give you a call if that's easier.

Thanks!

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**From:** Perla, Donna

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 3:12 PM

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**Subject:** FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

**From:** Gockel, Catherine

**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 6:41 PM

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Hi Ron,

I wanted to make sure that you are aware of a hot topic in Region 10:

Agricultural groups in Washington and Idaho have expressed concern with a public outreach and education campaign on agriculture and non-point source pollution conducted by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Northwest Washington. This campaign is funded under a large Puget Sound National Estuary Program (NEP) grant to the Tribal Lead Organization (the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission) through a subaward to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. See <http://whatsupstream.com/>.

A website "SaveFamilyFarming.org" has been established that rebuts statements and assertions made in the Whatsupstream.com website and specifically raises questions or draws note to EPA's award and subaward practices. See <http://www.savefamilyfarming.org/>.

Press coverage: <http://www.capitalpress.com/Washington/20160324/federally-funded-website-hits-at-washington-farmers>

Statement from US Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry):

[http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord\\_id=791B30D9-1C0E-45E7-890D-ADB3D7E0BC8D](http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=791B30D9-1C0E-45E7-890D-ADB3D7E0BC8D)

Also, I will be transitioning out of my Acting Ag Advisor role at the end of the week. Steven Potokar will be Region 10's next Acting Ag Advisor, and will participate in the weekly calls. It's been a pleasure working with you.

## Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Best regards,

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